

St. Clement's Church
Holy Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2009

Organ Prelude

Sonata in C Major
Fugue in C Minor

George Frideric Handel

Processional Hymn 47

On this day, the first of days

Gott sei Dank

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

John Merbecke

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

All stand.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new *song*,
for he has done marvelous *things*.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy *arm*
has he won for himself the *victory*.
- 3 The Lord has made known his *victory*;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the *nations*.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of *Israel*,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our *God*.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you *lands*;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and *sing*.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the *harp*,
with the harp and the voice of *song*.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the *horn*
shout with joy before the King, the *Lord*.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is *in it*,
the lands and those who dwell *therein*.
- 9 Let the river clap their *hands*,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the *earth*.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the *world*
and the peoples with *equity*.

The Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 417

This is the feast of victory for our God

Festival Canticle

The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord. (*sung*)

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ. (*sung*)

The Sermon

The Rev. ClayOla Gitane

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution and Comfortable Words

BCP p. 332

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase;
bless and guide them wherever they may be,
keeping them unspotted from the world.
Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them
when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall;
and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding
abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony
that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity
between Christ and his Church;
look mercifully upon these thy servants,
that they may love, honour, and cherish each other,
and so live together in faithfulness and patience,
in wisdom and true godliness,
that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Air and Chorus from Messiah
Helen Hampton, soprano
Adult Choir

George Frideric Handel
Romans 8:31,33-34
1 Corinthians 15:57

If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Presentation Hymn 205, verse 1

Gelobet sei Gott

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.
Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

John Merbecke

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create...
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
People AMEN.
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

John Merbecke

Prayer of Humble Access*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.
 We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
 But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
 Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At St. Clement's all who seek Christ are invited to receive communion. Please come forward when the ushers guide you and fill in at the first available place at the altar rail, either kneeling or standing. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it) or by dipping the wafer of bread into the cup.

Communion Hymn 186 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Ablutions Anthem

Haec Dies
 Adult Choir

William Byrd
 Psalm 118.24

*Haec dies quam fecit Dominus.
 Exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.*

This is the day which the Lord has made:
 We will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing**Recessional Hymn 174**

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Postlude

Chorale Preludes on
Christ lag in Todesbanden

Samuel Scheidt
 Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
 Johann Sebastian Bach